(e) by when such a project is likely to be finalized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal under consideration in the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

N.K. Singh Committee Report on FDI in Civil Aviation Sector

1947. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the N.K. Singh Committee report on raising the Foreign Direct Investment limit to 49 per cent in civil aviation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Steering Committee on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), which was constituted by the Planning Commission, has recommended enhancement of FDI limit in domestic airlines sector from 40% to 49%.

(c) Does not arise.

Landing of Sahara Aircraft on wrong taxi track

1948. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news appearing in the Hindu, Delhi dated the 27th September, 2002 captioned "Private airlines on the wrong track";

(b) if so, the reasons for keeping the apex regulatory body in dark about August 10 incident involving an Air Sahara Boeing 737 on wrong taxi track; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to check such incidents involving private airlines especially Sahara and Jet Airways in future?